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## **ABSTRACT**

1	Α	method	and	apparatus	for	providing	a	communications
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- 2 service feature to a party communicating through a network.
- 3 It is first determined if the party making the communication
- 4 is a subscriber based on an identifier associated with the
- 5 party and a local database containing a subset of subscriber
- 6 identifiers. It is then verified that the identifier
- 7 associated with the party is in the subset of identifiers
- 8 that would be included in this local database. For those
- 9 identifiers that are not in the local database and that are
- 10 not in the subset of identifiers that would be included in
- 11 the local database, a global database containing all
- 12 subscriber identifiers is queried to determine if the party
- 13 is a subscriber. It can also be verified that
- 14 the network provider knows the identifier of the party making
- 15 the communication and that the provider is able to provide
- 16 the communications service feature for the particular
- 17 communication. If the party is a subscriber and the above
- 18 conditions are met, the communications service feature is
- 19 provided.

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